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Honorable Brant Scowcroft
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
National Security Council
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear General Scowcroft:

As you may know, the Commerce Department currently has pending a license application for the export of a Cray Supercomputer to the National Meteorological Center of the People's Republic of China (FRC). The license application has been in the interagency review process since September of this year, but no consensus has been reached on its disposition.

Because of the sensitivities involved in the issue, I believe that the most expeditious manner to reach closure on policy issues related to this license application is to have the matter reviewed by the NSC as soon as possible. I, therefore, request that you chair a principals only meeting at which the issues related to this export may be aired. Since time is of the essence, I would appreciate your early attention to this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hackman Franklin

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